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TRADE BY COUNTRY[1]

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the rise in United States total exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, which includes Special Category commodities, from $1,329.5 million in February to $1,416.0 million in March resulted from increased exports to all continents except Asia. During the same period, the rise in general imports from $892.3 to $962.5 million reflected increased imports from all continents except Australia and Oceania and South America. From February to March, total exports to OEEC countries advanced from $393.5 to $430.7 million and total exports to Latin American Republics rose from $333.0 to $354.2 million. General imports from OEEC countries increased from $141.7 to $153.6 million while imports from Latin American Republics advanced from $287.9 to $292.7 million.

EXPORTS, EXCLUDING SPECIAL CATEGORY COMMODITIES

From February to March, exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, excluding Special Category commodities, climbed from $1,193.2 to $1,266.7 million. Exports to OEEC countries advanced from $322.1 to $354.2 million. During the same period, exports to Latin American Republics increased from $321.4 to $343.3 million. Exports to North America rose from $353.1 million in February to $384.9 million in March. This rise reflected advances in exports to Canada from $203.7 to $227.5 million and Mexico from $54.5 to $65.3 million. During the same period, exports to Europe increased from $339.0 to $370.7 million. Exports to the United Kingdom advanced from $75.8 to $87.0 million and exports to France climbed from $29.3 to $42.7 million. The rise in exports to Africa from $55.6 million in February to $71.1 million in March was due largely to an increase in exports to the Union of South Africa from $17.4 to $29.0 million. From February to March, exports to South America rose from $188.4 to $201.5 million. This increase was the result of relatively small changes in exports to many of the individual countries of this continent. Also, during the same period, exports to Australia and Oceania showed a slight increase from $22.8 to $29.2 million. Meanwhile, the decrease in exports to Asia from $234.4 to $209.2 million reflected a decline in exports to India from $74.9 to $61.9 million.

IMPORTS

From January to February, the increase in imports from North America from $308.9 to $333.7 million was due largely to an advance in imports from Canada from $177.1 to $195.5 million. Imports from Asia climbed from $159.7 million in February to $184.4 million in March. This advance reflected the sharp rise in imports from British Malaya from $39.4 to $65.3 million. During the same period, imports from Europe increased from $153.8 to $169.6 million. Imports from the United Kingdom climbed from $31.1 to $39.9 million. The increase in imports from Africa, during this period, from $68.6 to $75.9 million was the result of small advances in imports from many of the countries of the continent. From February to March, imports from Australia and Oceania declined from $23.4 to $21.3 million. Also during the same period, imports from South America showed a very slight decrease from $177.9 to $177.7 million. Smaller increases and decreases were noted in imports from the individual countries of the latter two continents.

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[1]Country of destination detail is not reported in export statistics for Special Category commodities beginning July 1950, for security reasons. For certain areas, export totals include Special Categories, as mentioned in the text above and as shown at the beginning of the table on page 3. Export figures for other areas and countries represent total exports less exports of Special Category commodities. See the January 1952 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for further explanation and list of Special Category commodities.

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COVERAGE

Export statistics include, with certain exceptions, data on all shipments of merchandise to foreign countries from continental United States, Puerto Rico, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii. They do not include shipments to the United States armed forces abroad for their own use. Import statistics include, with certain exceptions, data on imports of merchandise from foreign countries into continental United States, Puerto Rico, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii. Neither the import nor export statistics include shipments between continental United States and its territories and possessions, or between the territories and possessions. See Foreword to Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States for complete statement.

None of the export or import figures has been adjusted for changes in price level.

Foreign Trade Reports of the Bureau of the Census

Summary reports showing monthly data on the trade of the United States with foreign countries are issued as follows:

FT-900 - Overall total export and import data; no commodity or country data.
FT-930 - Exports and imports by economic classes and leading commodities; no country data.
FT-950 - Exports and imports by countries of destination and origin; no commodity data.
FT-970 - Foreign trade by United States Customs Districts; no commodity or country data.
FT-972 - Water-borne foreign trade by United States Customs Districts and ports; no commodity or country data.
FT-973 - Water-borne foreign trade by trade areas; no commodity or country data.
FT-976 - Department of Defense controlled cargo under United States foreign aid programs and "Special Category" non-Department of Defense controlled cargo exported by vessel, by port of lading; no commodity data.
FT-981 - Shipping weight and dollar value of merchandise laden on and unladen from vessels at United States ports during the in-transit movement of the merchandise from one foreign country to another; no commodity or country data.

Additional detailed commodity and country data are available in the form of other FT reports. A catalog of such reports may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION AND UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified.)

Continent and country[1]	Exports				General imports			
	March 1952	February 1952	March 1951	Monthly average 1951	March 1952	February 1952	March 1951	Monthly average 1951
Total trade including Special Categories[1]	1,416.0	1,329.5	1,285.2	1,251.8	962.5	892.3	1,101.5	913.7
O.E.E.C. countries	430.7	393.5	387.2	402.2	153.6	141.7	188.1	159.4
O.E.E.C. participating dependencies	56.0	52.6	42.3	41.6	133.4	99.2	103.5	84.3
Other Europe	26.1	19.9	27.4	23.0	14.5	12.1	22.2	16.8
Canada	242.8	222.3	236.6	224.4	195.5	177.1	190.8	189.6
Latin American Republics	354.2	333.0	332.8	311.8	292.7	287.9	363.6	278.9
All other countries	306.1	308.1	258.9	248.9	172.9	174.4	233.3	184.7
Total Special Categories[1]	149.3	136.3	135.6	130.1	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
Type 1	119.7	107.4	114.6	109.1	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
Type 2	29.6	28.9	21.0	21.0	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
Net total excluding Special Categories[1]	1,266.7	1,193.2	1,149.7	1,121.7	962.5	892.3	1,101.5	913.7
O.E.E.C. countries	354.2	322.1	298.3	318.4	153.6	141.7	188.1	159.4
Latin American Republics	343.3	321.4	322.2	300.6	292.7	287.9	363.6	278.9
Sterling area countries	242.6	223.9	159.9	183.8	193.9	164.8	227.2	181.6
North America	384.9	353.1	395.0	357.6	333.7	308.9	320.7	291.5
[d]Greenland	(*)	.....	.....	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.2
Canada (incl. Newfndland and Labr)	227.5	203.7	231.9	215.6	195.5	177.1	190.8	189.6
[d]Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	.....	(*)
[a]Mexico	65.3	54.5	60.2	59.3	39.7	36.2	33.1	27.2
[a]Guatemala	3.8	3.4	5.2	3.9	7.5	9.4	6.9	5.4
[b,d]British Honduras	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
[a]El Salvador	3.4	3.1	4.7	3.5	9.3	14.2	12.2	5.3
[a]Honduras	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.8	1.8	1.4	1.6	2.0
[a]Nicaragua	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.8	3.5	4.3	3.5	1.7
[a]Costa Rica	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.6	4.0	4.4	4.3	2.3
[a]Republic of Panama	5.4	6.2	4.1	3.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.0
Canal Zone	2.0	1.9	2.7	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
[b,d]Bermuda	1.2	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
[b,d]Bahamas	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
[a]Cuba	48.7	49.4	59.7	45.0	41.9	32.5	43.6	34.8
[b,d]Jamaica	1.3	2.0	1.1	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2
[a]Haiti	2.9	3.5	2.7	2.4	3.3	3.1	3.3	2.7
[a]Dominican Republic	5.2	6.1	4.4	4.0	5.7	4.9	3.4	4.1
[b,d]Leeward and Windward Islands	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
[b,d]Barbados	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[b,d]Trinidad and Tobago	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.9
[d]Netherlands Antilles	6.4	7.6	7.0	5.7	19.2	18.5	15.2	13.3
[d]French West Indies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	.....	.....	(*)	(*)
South America	201.5	188.4	174.3	172.4	177.7	177.9	252.3	193.9
[a]Colombia	20.8	21.0	19.1	18.7	28.3	34.0	27.6	30.2
[a]Venezuela	48.3	43.4	46.2	38.0	30.9	29.9	26.5	27.0
[b,d]British Guiana	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
[d]Surinam	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.7	2.0	1.3	1.2	1.3
[d]French Guiana	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
[a]Ecuador	3.0	3.5	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.3	3.1	3.0
[a]Peru	12.3	9.4	9.8	9.6	3.6	4.9	3.6	5.1
[a]Bolivia	4.1	2.8	4.5	3.3	1.7	2.2	4.6	4.3
[a]Chile	15.1	11.9	16.5	13.8	20.3	13.5	15.7	17.0
[a]Brazil	74.8	75.3	50.0	58.3	74.5	80.4	100.7	75.9
[a]Paraguay	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
[a]Uruguay	5.4	5.0	7.7	7.0	2.6	1.4	33.6	11.3
[a]Argentina	15.1	14.1	16.3	19.4	9.9	7.3	34.7	18.3
[b,d]Falkland Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	.....	(*)	(*)
Europe	370.7	339.0	326.6	341.4	169.6	153.8	210.4	176.5
[b,c]Iceland	1.2	1.3	0.6	0.6	2.2	0.8	1.4	0.7
[c]Sweden	13.8	10.1	10.6	11.2	6.7	7.7	6.4	8.7
[c]Norway	6.4	8.1	7.1	7.4	6.4	4.4	4.2	4.1
[c]Denmark	7.2	7.9	6.5	5.5	1.7	2.2	1.1	1.7
[b,c]United Kingdom	87.0	75.8	63.5	75.1	39.9	31.1	36.7	38.8
[b,c]Ireland (Eire)	5.6	4.9	3.6	4.4	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.6
[c]Netherlands	25.3	25.8	20.7	23.9	11.7	10.2	11.9	9.8
[c]Belgium and Luxembourg	33.9	28.0	30.3	31.4	14.8	17.3	26.5	18.0
[c]France	42.7	29.3	27.3	35.3	13.9	14.7	31.8	22.0
[c]West Germany[4]	40.7	47.1	) 40.8	43.3	(16.0	15.7	) 19.1	19.4
East Germany[4]	.....	(*)	)		(0.4	0.3	)	
[c]Austria	7.8	13.3	9.1	8.9	2.6	3.1	1.6	2.2
Czechoslovakia	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	3.1	1.9
Hungary	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
[c]Switzerland	16.6	13.6	17.7	16.0	11.1	12.3	12.7	11.2
Finland	4.7	5.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.6	3.8	4.7
Estonia	.....	.....	.....	(*)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Latvia	.....	.....	(*)	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)
Lithuania	.....	.....	.....	(*)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poland and Danzig	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.9
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	3.2	0.5	1.3	2.3
[d]Azores	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.5	(*)	0.1	0.1
Spain	3.6	3.6	6.2	9.3	4.2	3.3	10.8	5.0
[c]Portugal	4.2	3.2	1.6	3.3	2.5	1.6	1.6	2.3
[b,d]Gibraltar	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	(*)	(*)	.....	(*)
[b,d]Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus	0.5	0.4	1.9	0.5	1.1	(*)	0.1	0.3
[c]Italy	47.0	40.4	44.3	38.0	12.6	13.0	13.6	11.7
[c]Free Territory of Trieste	1.1	0.3	0.4	1.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia	7.3	6.7	16.2	10.0	2.6	3.4	1.6	1.8
Albania	.....	.....	.....	(*)	.....	.....	.....	(*)
[c]Greece	8.2	8.5	7.2	8.1	4.8	1.3	2.8	1.7
Rumania	.....	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Bulgaria	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
[c]Turkey	5.5	4.7	6.8	5.0	5.7	4.8	16.3	6.4

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Continent and country[1]	Exports				General imports			
	March 1952	February 1952	March 1951	Monthly average 1951	March 1952	February 1952	March 1951	Monthly average 1951
Asia	209.2	234.4	185.2	181.6	184.4	159.7	199.5	165.1
Syria	1.2	1.1	2.7	1.8	1.0	0.4	3.0	2.0
Lebanon	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.3	0.3	1.6	0.7
[b] Iraq (Mesopotamia)	2.0	3.1	2.4	2.4	0.6	0.3	1.8	1.6
Iran (Persia)	2.0	1.5	2.4	2.9	1.2	1.8	4.0	2.9
Israel and Palestine	5.7	9.4	8.1	9.0	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.0
[b] Jordan	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)
[b,d] Kuwait	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.5	1.5	2.7	2.6	2.8
Saudi Arabia	8.7	6.9	3.0	4.4	2.8	2.9	2.0	2.5
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2
[b,d] Aden	(*)	0.3	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[b,d] State of Bahrein	1.1	1.5	0.4	0.6	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.0
[b] India	61.9	74.9	31.0	38.6	20.3	26.8	32.5	24.7
[b] Pakistan	5.0	3.0	2.6	3.1	2.6	1.2	5.1	3.7
Nepal[5]	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.1	.....	.....	.....
[b] Ceylon	2.6	1.9	1.7	1.6	4.3	5.1	5.0	4.1
[b] Burma	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	4.8	7.3	3.7	4.1	9.9	11.1	13.5	11.5
Indochina[6]	4.0	2.9	3.1	2.2	0.4	2.7	4.0	1.2
[b,d] British Malaya	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.8	65.3	39.4	38.4	35.5
Indonesia	12.4	11.8	18.4	13.5	21.9	23.3	25.6	22.2
Republic of the Philippines	25.3	25.6	24.1	29.2	21.3	17.2	29.5	23.6
[d] Portuguese Asia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.[5]	(*)	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	.....	.....	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	.....	.....	.....	(*)	4.9	5.1	5.1	3.9
North Korea[7]	(*)	(*)	} 1.2	3.7	.....	.....	(*)	0.2
Republic of Korea[7]	6.9	9.4			1.5	0.6		
[b,d] Hong Kong	2.7	2.5	2.2	2.4	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8
Taiwan (Formosa)	4.5	10.4	2.4	3.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5
Japan	50.4	51.9	67.9	49.8	18.6	14.5	20.1	17.2
Australia and Oceania	29.2	22.8	18.3	20.3	21.3	23.4	51.4	37.5
[b] Australia	20.9	17.2	15.2	14.8	12.3	16.6	41.9	29.2
[b] New Guinea	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	(*)	0.3	(*)
[b] New Zealand	7.8	4.4	2.6	4.9	8.4	6.7	9.1	8.1
[b,d] British Western Pacific Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[d] French Pacific Islands	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.6	(*)	(*)	0.2
Western Pacific Islands, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	.....	(*)
Africa	71.1	55.6	50.2	48.4	75.9	68.6	67.1	49.1
[d] French Morocco	6.9	3.1	3.0	2.6	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.6
Tangier	1.6	0.7	1.6	1.2	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
[d] Algeria	3.8	1.6	1.5	1.9	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.6
[d] Tunisia	1.9	1.8	0.6	0.5	0.1	(*)	0.2	0.1
Libya	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Egypt	7.9	5.8	4.4	6.5	13.4	18.9	0.3	3.9
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	0.6	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5
Canary Islands	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	.....	(*)	(*)
[d] Cameroon	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	2.4	(*)	0.5	0.3
[d] French Equatorial Africa	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	.....	(*)	(*)
[d] French West Africa	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
[b,d] Gold Coast	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.6	9.5	9.5	18.1	7.4
[b,d] Nigeria	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.2	2.9	9.7	4.1
[b,d] British West Africa, n.e.c.	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
[d] Madeira Islands	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
[d] Angola	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	4.4	2.9	1.7	2.0
[d] Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1	1.0	0.8	0.1	0.2
Liberia	2.9	7.3	6.8	1.8	5.0	1.8	5.2	3.7
[d] Belgian Congo	7.1	8.5	5.0	5.0	8.1	7.7	4.4	5.2
Eastern Italian Africa	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.4	3.2	3.2	2.7	1.7
[d] French Somaliland	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	.....	(*)	.....	(*)
[b,d] British Somaliland	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2	0.1
[b,d] Seychelles and Dependencies	.....	0.1	.....	(*)	.....	(*)	.....	(*)
[b,d] Mauritius and Dependencies	0.1	0.2	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	.....
[b,d] British East Africa	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.7	6.8	3.7	3.5	2.9
[d] Mozambique	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5
[d] Madagascar	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.5
[b] Union of South Africa	29.0	17.4	19.2	20.6	12.8	10.1	15.9	11.5
[b,d] Northern Rhodesia	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	2.6	.....	1.7
[b,d] Southern Rhodesia	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
[b,d] Southern British Africa	.....	.....	.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	.....	(*)

a Latin American Republics.
b Sterling area countries.
c O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries.
d O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) participating dependencies.
*Indicates less than $50,000.

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[2] Includes $94.2 million of Mutual Security Program shipments ($79.5 million to Organization for European Economic Co-operation countries).

[3] Includes $78.7 million of Mutual Security Program shipments ($67.1 million to Organization for European Economic Co-operation countries).

[4] West Germany and East Germany reported separately beginning January 1952.

[5] Nepal reported separately beginning January 1952; included with Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c., during 1951.

[6] Indochina reported separately beginning January 1952; data for 1951 are for French Indochina and other French possessions which were reported together and shown as French Indochina and French India during 1951.

[7] North Korea and the Republic of Korea reported separately beginning January 1952.

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